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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1733

Application No.: 09/352,612

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For: GRID COMPRISING POLYMERIC, DRAWN STRIPS AND A PROCESS FOR  
MAKING SAME

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2001, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

- BT SKD*
1. (Amended) A grid comprising drawn polymeric strips in at least two different directions, wherein the strips have a higher tensile strength in a lengthwise direction of the strips compared to a tensile strength in a width direction of the strips, wherein the strips are bonded together in at least one zone of overlap, wherein said at least one zone of overlap comprises at least two spatially separated bonding points or bonding lines, and wherein at

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